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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

STATE APPROVES \$5,000,000 BONDING TO PURCHASE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO CONNECTICUT FARMLAND
by Joseph Dippel, Director, Farmland Preservation

On August 26, 2011, Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced that \$5,000,000 in state bonding was approved by the State Bond Commission for the purchase of development rights to farmland statewide.

The allocation of funds for the state's Farmland Preservation Program, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture, will be used to buy development rights to farms, placing a permanent restriction on the use of the land. The land can only be used for agricultural purposes and the farms will stay under private ownership and continue to pay local property taxes.

"Agriculture contributes \$3.5 billion in output and 20,000 jobs to our economy each year," Commissioner Reviczky said. "This program will help keep our wonderful farms and farm communities viable. It also ensures we retain the ability to produce food, create jobs, and preserve the unique character of our state. Farms are integral to the high quality of life we enjoy in Connecticut."

The goal of the program is to preserve 130,000 acres of farmland with 85,000 acres dedicated to growing crops. The state preserved its first farm in 1979. Since then, 37,860 acres have been preserved, or approved for preservation, on 287 farms or about 29% of its goal. The new funds are expected to allow the state to buy development rights to at least 10 more farms comprising 1,100 acres over the next several months.

The CT Farmland Preservation Program protects farmland through the negotiation of an acquisition of development rights to qualified farms. Farm owners apply to the program voluntarily. A permanent conservation easement is recorded on land records indicating the farm is restricted to agricultural use only, preventing residential development and subdivision. Protected farms help Connecticut retain its rural character and scenic vistas, protect natural resources, promote local food security, and sustain employment in the agricultural sector.

For more information about the Farmland Preservation Program, go to the Department of Agriculture's website, www.CTGrown.gov, and click on "Programs and Services" at the top of the page.



Pumpkin field on the 92-acre Davenport Farm in New Milford, a joint state-municipal-NRCS acquisition of development rights, completed in June.

Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program: Acres Preserved by Year		
Year	No. of Farms	No. of Acres
2002	7	677
2003	0	0
2004	9	1,133
2005	7	666
2006	4	525
2007	11	1,186
2008	7	675
2009	10	1,371
2010	15	1,228
2011	13	1,772 (to date)

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,12/3,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,Gala,8/5lb	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,bu	40.00	40.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,100ct	25.00	28.00
APPLE,Macn,100,ct	35.00	35.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
GRAPE,Concord,8/1qt	25.00	25.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	26.00
PEACH,25lb,2 1/2min	22.00	22.00
PEACH,23lb,white	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Anjou,4/5 bu,red	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Bart,4/5bu	24.00	24.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb	3.50	4.00
WATERMELON,Sbaby,ea	2.00	3.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
September 19, 2011**

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	63.00-68.00
	270-350lbs	62.50-65.00
	300-350lbs	58.50-60.00
45-49	220-270lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	56.00-59.00
	500-700 lbs	62.00-64.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	32.50-35.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, September 19, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	37.50
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	60.00	62.50
Farm Calves	65.00	75.00
Veal Calves	55.00	110.00
Open Heifers	75.00	155.00
Feeder Steers	92.50	150.00
Starter Calves	24.00	30.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	110.00
Lambs each	100.00	190.00
Goats each	40.00	175.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	75.00
Canners	up to	67.50
Cutters	68.00	71.00
Utility Grade Cows	72.50	79.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	5.00	15.00
Ducks each	3.00	10.00
Sheep	70.00	110.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

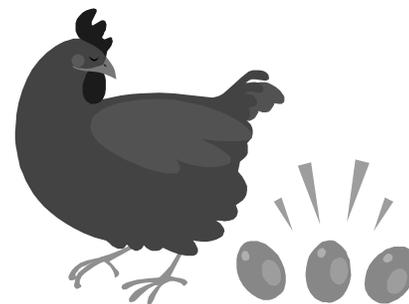
	Low	High
BROCCOLI,Cut crown,20lb	15.00	16.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb,box	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	14.00	15.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1/2bu,20/3s	32.00	35.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.00	5.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	26.00
CUCUMBERS,pick,bu	40.00	40.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GREEN ONION,12s	12.00	12.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	13.00	13.00
OKRA,1/2 bu	24.00	24.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Sntn,lg	9.00	10.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	12.00	14.00
PEPPER,Jalapeno,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
POTATOES,Chef,50lb	16.00	16.00
POTATOES,Round white,10lb,A	3.25	3.25
POTATOES,Chef,yel,50lb	24.00	24.00
PUMPKIN,24,Pie,bin	180.00	200.00
PUMPKIN,36,Howden,bin	140.00	165.00
PUMPKIN,36,pie,bin	280.00	300.00
SQUASH,Buttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/md	22.00	26.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	22.00	26.00
SWISS CHARD,Color,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES,25lb,5X6	15.00	18.00
TOMATOES,grape,12/1pt	18.00	20.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, September 19, 2011

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80%lean		
	66.00-70.00---	71.50-74.00----	61.00-66.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	63.00-68.00—	69.00-72.00 ----	57.00-63.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	59.00-64.00 ---	65.50-70.50----	53.50-58.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS:	Yield Grade 1		
	1285-1639 lbs	-81.00-82.00	
CALVES:	All prices per cwt.		
Holstein Bull Calves:	Number 1		
	95-120 lbs	130.00-145.00	
Holstein Heifers:	Number 1		
	85-95 lbs	230.00-285.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS:	Non-Traditional Markets:		
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60 lbs	196.00-210.00	
	60-80 lbs	172.00-192.00	
	80-90 lbs	175.00.00-188.00	
	90-110 lbs	163.00-178.00	
	110-130 lbs	158.00-170.00	
	130-150 lbs	n/a	



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	174-185
LARGE	173-183
MEDIUM	114-125

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA
September 19, 2011**

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	102-120
LARGE	96-110
MEDIUM	79-92

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT
September 13, 2011**

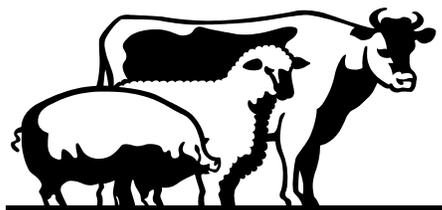
Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Premium	5.25 per bale

Wheat Straw	lg. square
	21.00 per bale

Orchard Grass	sm. round, under 1,000lbs
Good	29.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	160.00-186.00
60-80 lbs	159.00-172.00
80-90 lbs	156.00-171.00
90-110lbs	153.00-167.00
110-130lbs	150.00-165.00
SLAUGHTER EWES:	Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
	120-160 lbs 90.00.-102.00
	160-200 lbs 84.00-100.00
	200-300lbs 84.00-99.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
	120-160 lbs 68.00-83.00
	160-200 lbs 71.00-82.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:	All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids:	30-40 lbs n/a
	40-60lbs 81.00-105.00
	60-80lbs 102.00-118.00
	80-90lbs 110.00-124.00
	90-100lbs 115.00-130.00
	100-110lbs 145.00-160.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs 88.00-103.00
	130-180 lbs 108.00-128.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150lbs 163.00-178.00
	150-250 lbs 187.00-202.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov for more information.

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency—Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

171. 67 Massey Ferguson 2135 w/MF 100 loader. Continental Z134 gas engine, 3pt, 540 with draft control, 50 hrs on new rubber and fluids. Mech. Exc. Marvels 3300 B/O Also available: repowered Wellcraft 192 classic. Landscape equipment, chipper, midsize Owen 203-457-1667.

172. Piglets-Yorkshire-Landrace cross, white, clean, healthy-7 weeks old. \$75/each. 860-668-2181

173. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

175. Farmi Winch for sale. JL-5013-point-hitch logging winch. (the attachment converts the tractor into a skidder.) Rated for a 40-60 horse tractor. \$4,000.00. Manual included. Bought new in 2010. Easily fits in a pickup truck and I can load for you. 860-942-9881.

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

177-R. Three old farm tractors for sale. Come make offer. 203-288-9676.

178-R. Gehl 865 chopper, 1000 rpm, electric controls, 2 row corn head, 6' grass head field ready \$6,000.00. 860-567-9537.

179-R. 1984 IH S-1900 truck 466DT 20' flatbed dump, lift axle \$5,000.00. 860-567-9537.

180-R. John Deere 80 2-row corn planter, can also plant pumpkins. \$1,000.00. Nolts brand mulch layer, 3 point hitch, lays 4 ft. plastic. \$850.00. 203-788-0978.

WANTED

174-R. Antique one row tobacco setter to be used as a yard decoration. Call Larry 860-778-6070.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

MARKETING WORKSHOPS SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

The Connecticut Women's Agricultural Network, UConn Cooperative Extension, and USDA's Risk Management Agency will sponsor "Growing Your Market: Making the Most of High and Low Tech Media," a workshop for small farm businesses, Wednesday, September 28th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 29th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Road, Vernon, CT.

You have growing the product down pat but what about growing your market? Janine DiNatale of Janine DiNatale & Associates will explore how to use the Web and social media, along with traditional marketing, to your farm's advantage, develop ideas to pitch to local print media, use QR codes, and manage your marketing time. With over 25 years marketing experience, she recently helped create the Glastonbury Grown town webpage featuring Glastonbury farms.

Registration deadline is September 26; E-mail your name, farm name, and workshop session preferred, to tmanfredi@cox.net.

COMPETITIVE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT SOLICITATION ANNOUNCED

The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) has launched a competitive, solar photovoltaic (PV) solicitation under the On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation (OSDG) Program Best of Class, Public Buildings and Affordable Housing Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP consists of a competitive solicitation covering PV only and a rolling submission solicitation to help fund all other Connecticut Class I renewable energy generating equipment.

The competitive, PV-only solicitation offers grants to buy down the cost of installing new PV renewable energy generating equipment at commercial, industrial and institutional facilities in Connecticut. Other renewable technologies such as wind, fuel cell, landfill gas, waste heat recovery - power generation, low-emission advanced biomass conversion, and certain hydropower technologies, will be eligible to participate in the rolling submission solicitation expected to be released later in the month.

For more information about the OSDG Program, visit www.ctcleanenergy.com/OSDG.

ONLINE FALL COURSES FOR BEGINNING FARMERS

Cornell University's Northeast Beginning Farmer Project is offering seven online courses this fall, for those farming (or planning to farm) in the Northeast. The interactive 5- to 7-week courses are led by experienced educators and farmers, and are designed to help you establish clear goals, assess personal resources, plan marketing, create budgets, set up record-keeping, navigate regulations, choose the right equipment, improve soil, get organically certified, write a business plan, and learn how to raise veggies and chickens. Topics include

- Square One – Building a Farm that Matches Your Values, Goals, Skills, and Resources
- Financial Records – Setting up Systems to Track Your Profitability
- Machinery and Equipment – Evaluating What's Right for Your Operation
- Soil Health – Investing in the Vitality of Your Farm
- Veggie Farming – From Planning to Planting
- Pastured Poultry – Profiting from Layers, Broilers, Turkeys, and Ducks
- Planning to Stay in Business: Writing Your Business Plan

More information is available online at <http://nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/>.

WEBINAR: LEASING FARMLAND IN CONNECTICUT

American Farmland Trust, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension, and the USDA Risk Management Agency are offering two chances to learn about leasing farmland in Connecticut. Leasing farmland from towns, institutions, and land trusts provides an opportunity for beginning and expanding farmers to access land as they embark on a new farm venture or grow their farm business.

This webinar will cover topics related to

- tenure options
- legal considerations in drafting a lease
- sustainable methods that might be included in a farmland lease
- examples of community farms

Joe Bonelli will review risk management strategies including business planning and crop insurance options. This webinar accompanies the release of a new publication: "Farmland Connections: A Guide for Connecticut Towns, Land Trusts, and Institutions Using or Leasing Farmland."

Register at one of the following links:

Tues, Sept. 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., session
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/480842858>

Wed, Sept. 28, 2011, at 12:00 noon, session
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/169480458>

REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO DOAG AND FSA

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is collecting information about storm-related damage to farms in the state. This information will be used to prepare reports for Governor Malloy, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, if needed, and may be used to seek federal assistance if the extent of the damage warrants. If you incurred damage to your livestock, crops, equipment, or buildings, please complete and return the damage report form on DoAG's website, www.CTGrown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag.

In addition, it is very important that you report damage to your local [USDA Farm Service Agency office](#) within 30 days of the loss in order to qualify for any programs that may be offered through FSA, and contact your crop insurance agent, if applicable.

FOODSERVICE SUSTAINABILITY GRANT OFFERED

The Hobart Center for Foodservice Sustainability has established a grant to honor the individual or company submitting a sustainability case study judged as the most innovative and best-executed foodservice sustainability project of the year. To apply, first fully complete the application available at www.hobartcorp.com/sustainabledesign. Completed application, along with applicant's full submission (which must not exceed 10 pages in length) should then be submitted in .pdf format to hobart@gyrohsr.com. All submissions must be received by January 31, 2012.



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